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SPEAKER LUEDTKE: That is correct.

SENATOR DWORAK: I think that everybody ought to be aware and alert as to exactly what we are doing. We made this decision once, this session, we made it just within the last couple of weeks. This body in its wisdom turned this decision down. I think that we need to look very closely at whether we want to increase this per diem from \$15 to \$35 a day. It is my understanding that certain transportation facilities are available to these members that maybe other commissions don't have. These people don't go to these meetings at their own expense as far as the miles are concerned. But, I think that we ought to talk and be alert just exactly what is happening here rather than have these expenditures turned down one day and then the next day later because everybody is tired and suddenly become complacent we ought to know what we are spending and how we are spending it. So, I would urge very much that you be alert that this is the same amendment that we turned down several weeks ago. I think that we should continue to stick with our action of that time. I have heard no arguments to change my mind.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: Chair recognizes Senator Mills.

SENATOR MILLS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature may I ask Senator Dworak a question Mr. President? Mr. President, may I ask Senator Dworak a question.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: Senator Dworak will you respond?

SENATOR MILLS: Senator Dworak the question that I have, you refer to the perhaps inequities that the other commission members might have serving on a commission. You mention that the commissioners for the Game and Park, do they somehow find a way to Lincoln to those meetings beside driving their own car?

SENATOR DWORAK: It is my understanding Senator Mills that they come in...generally come in by state aircraft.

SENATOR MILLS: You mean they are flown in by the Commission or....

SENATOR DWORAK: I couldn't tell you who flies them in or whether it is the Commission that flies them in or who flies them in but it is my understanding that they do not come in in their own cars.

SENATOR MILLS: I will have to ask Senator Cullan or Fitzgerald something. What does the \$15 to \$35 do if they are being transported to the meetings? Does someone...yes, Senator Fitzgerald.

SENATOR FITZGERALD: We have two people that work by the day and this pays their salary while they are on state business down here attending Commission meetings.

SENATOR MILLS: Then Senator Fitzgerald, the raise from \$15 to \$35 really isn't paying their expenses to and from meetings, it is a per diem to take place of their work day, and then, Senator Fitzgerald, are they paid for expenses that they incur during this period of time that they come from Chadron and North Platte, and Omaha and all of those places?